

## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA NEWS.

## BASIC CITY.

**Building Active—An Order for Half a Million Bricks—A New Depot.**

BASIC CITY, Oct. 2.—[Special]—The Car Shops Company will at once begin the erection of \$10,000 worth of cottages for the use of their employees.

A new postoffice has been established midway between Middlebrook and Swoope, this county. It is known as "Baylor" and James Baylor has been commissioned as postmaster.

The Basic City Hardware Company has just given an order to a Harrisburg, Pa., firm for one-half million of brick to be shipped to this place at once. These brick will be used in finishing the walls of the company's mammoth building, and will begin to arrive in carload lots to-morrow. It is the intention of the company to have the buildings completed, all the machinery up and in running order and everything ready for work by December 1.

General Superintendent Geo. W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, has authoritatively announced that a large and commodious passenger and freight depot will be built at Basic City at once. The structure, which will be of the very hand-somest in all its appointments, belonging to the Chesapeake and Ohio people, will be located at the point where Delphine avenue crosses the company's track in the eastern section of the city, just a few yards from the present depot.

## FINCASTLE.

FINCASTLE, Oct. 2.—[Special]—Mr. David Shaw, an aged citizen of Craig, died at his son's, James Shaw, in Spreading Spring Valley, yesterday, while on a visit there. He was 79 years of age and died of consumption.

Miss Eessie Foster, formerly of Botetourt, but now of Norfolk, is State organizer of the W. C. T. U. of Virginia. Miss Foster is now at work on the Eastern Shore, and is meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. R. L. Housman, who has been engaged in the mercantile business in this place, left yesterday for Clifton Forge, where he will hereafter be connected with the real estate firm of Messrs. Geo. Swann & Co.

## Racing Yesterday.

WEST CHESTER PARK, Oct. 2.—[Special]—First race, three quarters of a mile—Two Lips won, Kinston second, Hoodlum third, time 1:13. Second race, seven-eighths of a mile, selling—Dr. Helmuth won, Lady Jane second, Rancocas third, time 1:27½. Third race, Woodburn handicap, one mile—Tulla Blackburn won, Madstone second, Fitz James third, time 1:41. Fourth race, hunter stakes, one and three-sixteenths miles—Sinaloa won, Gleaming second, Eminence third, time 2:04½. Fifth race, Rosemead handicap, five-eighths of a mile—Chatham won, Amulet second, Upan third, time 1:10. Sixth race, one and one-fourth miles, selling—Longshot won, Sorrento second, Floodtide third, time 2:10.

## A German Spy.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—[Special]—Madame Bonnet, a woman arrested at Cannes on suspicion of being a German spy, and in whose possession was found plans of the defenses of that place, has confessed that she was in the employ of the German government at a monthly salary of 300 francs, besides which she received fifteen francs daily for travelling expenses.

## Another Dividend.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—[Special]—The comptroller of a currency has declared a seventh dividend of 5 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the Exchange National Bank of Norfolk, Va., making in all 80 per cent. claims proved, amounting to \$2,892,219.

## Shenandoah, Virginia.

The extensive preparations of the Shenandoah Land and Improvement Company of Shenandoah, Page county, Va., have now reached the point when they are ready to place lots in that town on the market, and they have announced their first auction sale for the 8th of October.

This town that has been selected by the same gentlemen who have made Roanoke what it is, compared to whom there is no equal number who have had so great success or are as prominent in the present development of Virginia.

They are the same, too, who have made the Norfolk and Western railroad the power for good that it is. At Shenandoah there is the most comprehensive and extensive system of improvements now actually under construction in the Shenandoah Valley.

In addition to the present large iron furnace and railroad shops in operation they are building an extensive rolling mill, another furnace and will double the present railroad shops.

The plans of the hotel, water works, water power, electric light plant and the making of the streets are the equal of a large city.

This the most thoroughly equipped, honestly conducted young enterprise on an absolutely sound basis now offering in the Valley.

Special rates will be arranged from principal cities. Oct. 1, 3 & 5.

## You are in a Bad Fix.

But we will cure you if you will pay us. Nervous and Debilitated, suffering from Nervous Debility, Seminal Weakness, and all the effects of early evil habits, or later indiscretions, which lead to Premature Decay, Consumption or Insanity, should send for and read the "Book of Life," giving particulars of a home cure. Sent (sealed) by addressing Dr. Parker's Medical and Surgical Institute, 151 North Spruce street, Nashville, Tenn. They guarantee a cure or no pay.—The Sunday Morning.

Mrs. Ella V. LeGrand desires her Music Class and others wishing to join, to meet her at her room, No. 9, Rorer Park Hotel, today October 2nd, 1890. oct2-15

## Ladies Have Tried It.

A number of my lady customers have tried "Mother's Friend," and would not be without for many times its cost. They recommend it to all who are to become mothers. R. A. Payne, Druggist, Greenville, Ala. Write Bradford Reg. Co., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. Sold by Budwell Christian & Barbee.

## THE ABLE BLACKSNAKE.

He Is a Bad Fighter from Away Back and Fears Nobody.

Ask any of the farmers or hunters in this part of Monroe County whether they are afraid of rattlesnakes, says a Canadensis (Pa.) correspondent of the New York Sun, and they will answer promptly that they don't mind them very much. Ask them if they fear blacksnares, and they will say yes without the slightest hesitation. This fear of blacksnares has come down to most of them from their parents with a story that none of them is ever tired of telling. They all declare that it is true, and it is so well known and is told with so much solemnity and evident fear by the natives that it is hard to disbelieve it. The story runs like this:

Many years ago a well-to-do farmer lived with his family near the barren land verging on Pike County. His wife was city bred and unused to many of the hardships that are a part of the farming woman's life. She was strong and hardy, however, with plenty of nerve and grit enough to make the best of things. One day, while her husband was working in a clearing a good distance from the house, she went down to the spring for a pail of water. As she stooped over to fill the pail a blacksnake, that had been lying coiled near the spring, jumped at her. She screamed and jumped back, but the snake had buried its fangs in her dress, and before she could recover herself sufficiently to shake him off he had wound himself about her so tightly as to prevent her from walking. Then he began slowly to crawl upward. The poor woman struck at the snake with her hands.

They were badly bitten, but she was so overcome with fright that she did not mind this, and kept on striking at him. The serpent kept crawling up until his coils were about her breast. She tried to tear him loose, but she was not strong enough. She became nearly paralyzed by terror. The snake finally coiled himself around her neck and choked her. She started toward the house, but she had only gone a short distance when she fell. In the evening she was found by her husband lying dead, with the snake still coiled about her neck.

This story, with the well-known fact that a blacksnake is ever ready and willing to fight any thing that lives, makes the native afraid of him, and the man who kills a blacksnake is thought to have won a greater battle than the slayer of a dozen rattlesnakes.

"You can't frighten a blacksnares," said one old hunter, "and the more you try to the more he ain't frightened. A rattlesnares is a coward, and will run if you give him half a chance. If he doesn't get the chance he will rattle in fear, and then strike in desperation. A rattlesnares bite is not nearly so dangerous as many people suppose. All that you have to do to render the wound harmless is to cut it as deep as the fangs went, and then go to the nearest brook and wash it thoroughly. A common poultice will soon heal the wound made by your knife. But if a big blacksnares tackles you, and you give him the chance to get one coil about your body, why, then, look out, for it is your life or his."

## HOW DID IT FEED?

Perhaps It Got Its Board Out of the Log That Surrounded It.

The following, says the Chattanooga News, is related by Frank Wyatt, of Rome, Ga., who has been visiting relatives at Martindale, on the Chattanooga, Rome & Columbus railroad, about thirty miles south of Chattanooga. Frank used to attend Sunday-school regularly and is considered a truthful boy, without much mulattism flowing in his veins. He says:

"My cousin owns a watermill, and in removing some obstructions found an immense log imbedded in the stream, which must have been submerged for a number of years. The log had to be cut in two to remove it, and much to our surprise we found it hollow, although it had every appearance of being solid. One of the negroes while examining the log looked into the hollow and thought he saw something moving. He began using his axe and soon had the log cut into in another place.

"Imagine our amazement when we discovered a live catfish which had grown to an enormous size and length, and was so completely wedged in the hollow as to be unable to move except to open its mouth and wiggle its tail. The fish was very lively and apparently in the enjoyment of excellent health.

"The question is how did the fish get into the log, as the only means of ingress or egress we could discover was a small, round hole not more than two inches in diameter. We surmised that he must have entered the little opening when no larger than a minnow and grown great in his solitary confinement."

## A Tall Man Settles Down.

J. W. Patterson, the tallest man known in the world excepting the Chinese giant Chang, will make Oklahoma City his home. Mr. Patterson stands 7 feet 7 inches in his stocking feet and is twenty-seven years old. He has traveled with a number of the best shows in the country for the last eight or ten years and is well fixed in this world's goods. About a year ago he married and has decided to settle down and take life easy. He owns considerable property in this city, says the Oklahoma Chief, and as soon as he returns from the East, will begin the erection of a fine residence. A couple of months ago his wife presented him with a pair of strapping boys, of which Mr. Patterson is immensely boastful. Mrs. Patterson is larger than the average woman, being nearly six feet high and weighing over 200 pounds.

## Tarring and Feathering.

The custom of tarring and feathering did not, as is generally supposed, have its origin in America, but in one of "the stately homes of England." A gentleman, who had drunk not wisely but too well, was attired by his friends in that manner, when in an insensible condition; on waking in the morning and surveying himself in the pier glass, he imagined himself to have undergone a metamorphosis. "As I live," he said, "a bird."

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## TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me as trustee by H. Hasman and I. Sachs, dated May 15, 1890, and of record in the clerk's office of the Hustling Court, for the city of Roanoke, Va., deed book 36, page 181, to secure to C. C. Hawley the payment of the sum of \$675.00, payable in monthly installments of \$50.00 each, as evidenced by thirteen negotiable notes of \$50.00 each, and one, being the last one, of \$25.00, and whereas default having been made in payment of two of the above mentioned notes, and at the request of the beneficiary therein, the undersigned, as trustee, will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, in front of the premises, on Monday, the 3rd day of November, 1890, at 12 m., all of those five certain lots or parcels of land lying and being in the city of Roanoke, Va., bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Loudon and First streets, thence in an easterly direction with Loudon street 250 feet to a point, thence in a southerly direction 130 feet to an alley, thence with said alley in a westerly direction 250 feet to First street, thence with First street in a northerly direction 130 feet to the place of beginning, and known as lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, in section 21, as shown by the map of the property of the Rogers, Fairfax & Houston addition to the city of Roanoke, Va.

TERMS—(1) Cash enough to pay off three notes of \$50 each and to pay the cost of this sale; (2) the purchaser to assume all outstanding indebtedness, amounting to \$1,550, as follows: \$1,125 payable in two equal annual payments from the 1st day of February, 1890; \$425 payable in nine payments, \$50 on the 15th day of November, 1890; \$50 on the 15th day of December, 1890; \$50 on the 15th day of January, 1891; \$50 payable on the 15th day of February, 1891; \$50 payable on the 15th day of March, 1891; \$50 payable on the 15th day of April, 1891; \$50 payable on the 15th day of May, 1891; \$50 payable on the 15th day of June, 1891, and \$25 payable on the 15th day of July, 1891; (3) the residue, if any, payable in one and two years from day of sale.

J. W. BOSWELL,

sep24 2awk-1m Trustee.

GRAND OPENING SALE OF THE Wytheville Development Company. Sale will begin September 30, at 1 o'clock.

## WYTHEVILLE, VA.

"THE GEM OF THE ALLEGHANIES"—"THE SARATOGA OF THE SOUTH." The county seat of Wythe county, which was awarded the diploma with \$500 premium at the Virginia Exposition at Richmond, in 1888, in Minerals and Woods. Population 4,000. Altitude 2,360 feet.

Wythe County has two blast and seven charcoal iron furnaces, and fifteen zinc and lead furnaces. Wytheville offers free the best sites and greatest inducements to manufacturing industries of any city in the South. The Wytheville Development Company's reserve fund for new industries alone amounts to \$180,000. Wytheville is the centre of the richest mineral region in the South. Wytheville exempts all manufacturing industries from municipal taxation for ten years. Wytheville has beautiful and well-paved streets 60, 70 and 97 feet in width. Two electric light plants and three water systems. Wytheville has the best public schools and the handsomest school building in Virginia; has three female colleges and two male academies. Owing to its mineral waters, free to visitors, which are highly curative for many diseases, and its great altitude, it has grown into a great and fashionable health resort.

The Wytheville Development Company will place on the market, September 30, 500 residence and business lots of its property in the new West End Extension, lying between the Wytheville Cotton Mills and the "Jackson Park Hotel," on both of which work has just begun. This property to be offered for sale for the first time, September 30, is the most beautiful property in Wytheville, and will be priced at very reasonable figures in order to encourage investments. Investments in Wytheville real estate within the last ninety days have borne from 100 to 500 per cent. to investors.

The Norfolk and Western railroad, running from Norfolk to the West and Northwest, will have on sale at stations on line and agencies in New England special excursion round-trip tickets to Wytheville, good until October 31.

For further particulars, apply to W. L. YOST, president of the Wytheville Development Company, Wytheville, Va. sep24-1m

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## GRAND OPENING

AT

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Ten per cent. discount on all goods, Friday and Saturday, September 19th and 20th, the first two days of our

## FALL OPENING.

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